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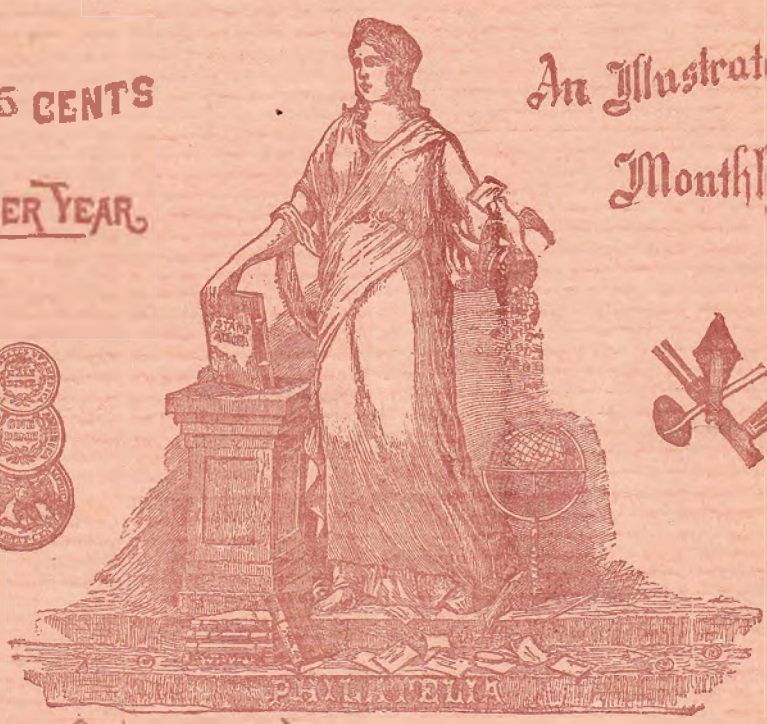

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PROMINENT PHILATELISTS.

G. B. CALMAN.

The subject of our sketch this month is no less a personage than Mr. G. B. Calman, the great wholesale stamp dealer, who is known in every part of the world. Mr. Calman is twenty-eight years of age, and was born in New York City. During his early life he received an excellent education abroad, and it was in the year 1869, while at school in Germany, that he commenced his philatelic career.

He started as a collector, but in the year 1874 he went into the stamp business, locating himself in New York City—the great stamp centre of the world. In 1876 he received his first great start in the wholesale line, having purchased a large lot of U. S. of Colombia stamps, which he disposed of several years afterwards at a fine profit; but had he held them still longer he could have obtained double, treble, yes, quadruple the amount he received for them, as the price of rare U. S. of Colombia stamps was then on the increase.

Mr. Calman makes a specialty of buying up the old government re-

mainders. His last purchase was the remainders of the 1881 and 1886 issues of Guatemala, for which he paid $5,000. His first speculation was in U. S. department stamps, and he still recollects the time when sets of Treasury department stamps went begging at $2.50 per 100 sets, and thousands could have been purchased at that price. He purchased a good many sets at eight cents per set, and still has some of them on hand.

His stock is without doubt the largest in the world, and as the prices of stamps vary so often, it is somewhat difficult to arrive at any correct valuation of his large and ever increasing stock; however, $50,000 would hardly cover it. This to some may seem a very high estimate, but Mr. Calman's stock is certainly worth every bit of it, and to those doubting this assertion we desire to say that Mr. Calman is ready to prove every particle of it. The yearly transactions of his wholesale business vary somewhat, but on the average they are between $30,000 and $50,000. At times his business is so large that his three brothers, who have an interest in it, assist him at filling orders, etc. He imports on the average no less than twenty million continentals every year.

Many if not all dealers are also collectors, and Mr. Calman is no exception. He has a magnificent collection, which will compare favorably with any in the land. It contains fully 10,000 varieties, among which are a considerable number of rarities. He collects the stamps of all countries, but his specialty is South America, of which he has an almost complete collection. He is one of the early charter members of the A. P. A., member of the National Philatelical Society of New York, I. P. V. of Dresden, International Stamp Dealers' Ass'n of Berlin, and National Stamp Dealers' Ass'n of the U. S.

It was through Mr. Calman's energetic efforts that Mr. Corwin rejoined the stamp collecting ranks, and by all appearances it looks as if he has come to stay. Mr. Corwin, indeed, has been of considerable assistance to the A. P. A., and to philately as well, for without him at the Boston convention, many things would have been overlooked and left undone, and when collectors awake to this belief, let them bear in mind that a share of their praise should fall to the lot of Mr. Calman.

Mr. G. B. Calman is a brother of Henry L. Calman, the able lieutenant of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., of which Mr. Henry L. is treasurer, as well as being treasurer of the National Society and of the National Stamp Dealers' Ass'n, and with the funds in his hands they are entirely safe, and we doubt if a better man for such a position could have been secured.

Mr. G. B. Calman makes a trip to Europe every year, and visits all the large stamp dealers on the other side of the "big pond." He combines business with pleasure on such trips, and adds continuously more varieties to his already large stock on every trip.

BLOOD'S CITY DESPATCH.

Blood's City Despatch was one of the many local or city delivery posts that made a business of carrying mail matter to the post office. It was started by Daniel Otis Blood, under the name of D. O. Blood & Co., in about the year 1845. It had an office at 48 South 3rd Street, Philadelphia.

Upon the death of Mr. Blood, the post was sold to Chas. Kochersperger, who still continued it under the old name, and removed its office to 28 South 6th Street. In 1853 or thereabouts Mr. Chas. Kochersperger took in his brother Elbert as a partner, and carried on the business under the name of "Blood's Penny Post, Kochersperger & Co., Proprietors."

In 1856 the post was located at the Arcade, on Chestnut st., Phila., and in 1860 it was once more at 28 South 6th street. This time Messrs. Hiram Miller and John M. Riley are the proprietors. They were not long in operation when the U. S. Post Office Department took steps to break up the post; and, as its carrying on was in direct contravention of the postal laws of this country, they issued a circular dated at Philadelphia, January 10, 1862, in which they notify their patrons that the post will cease operations on the 11th of that month.

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The first stamps issued by this post was in 1846. Type 1 shown above was the first to be issued. It was soon followed by type 2, which has "D. O. Blood & Co.'s" over the man; type 3 soon followed it, with "City Despatch" under the man, and minus the lettering on houses. All three varieties are printed in black on white paper, and are considered quite scarce, each type being worth about ten dollars. The design on these stamps is very unique, and is believed to have been put on the stamps so as to give an impression of a quick and immediate delivery.

They were soon followed, the next year, by the following. Type 4

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was the first issued, followed by type 5, containing the same wording, but different and heavier style type; type 6 soon followed type 5, and is somewhat similar to No. 4, except that the word "PAID" is "POST" in No. 6. They are all printed in black on white paper; value about $5 each.

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Type 7 was issued in 1848, and is quite rare, and was in use but a short time. It is printed in black on blue paper; value about $5. No. 8 was also issued in 1848; there are three varieties, gold on lilac paper, blue on lilac paper, and bronze on black paper. They are not very scarce, a good specimen being obtainable at about 50c. Nos. 9 and 10 above illustrated were issued in 1849; both are printed in black on bronze paper. They are considered scarce, and worth about $1.50 each. No. 11 was issued in 1850, and is somewhat like Nos. 9 and 10, except in the centre it has "One Cent" instead of "Paid" or "Post Office," as in Nos. 9 and 10. Type 11 is the commonest of all the Blood locals; it is printed in black on bronze; value about 25c.

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In 1858 three new varieties (types 12, 13 and 14) were issued. Type 12 was the first issued, and was soon followed by type 13. They were both printed in black on green paper, and were not in favor among the patronizers on account of the color; very few were used, and consequently they are scarce, being worth about $10 each. They were discarded for the Henry Clay variety (type 14) which was printed in black on white paper. The type is exceedingly common, value about 25c.

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During the year 1850 the post issued stamped envelopes containing

above designs. There are two varieties of each of the above types, red on white paper and red on buff paper. They are all scarce and very desirable, especially in entire and unused condition.

The rates charged on letters were, one cent on letters to be dropped in the post office (this was in addition to the required amount of postage, which was also affixed to all mail letters). Two cents was charged on all local or delivered letters. *L. D. Roselle.*

COMMENTS ON CURRENT EVENTS.

There seemed to be considerable interest taken in the C. P. A. convention, as the writer's proxy was solicited by three different parties, each of whom took trouble to have blanks printed.

What has become of all the U. S. stamps? The writer has used the exchange dept. of the A.P.A. for nearly a year and in that time he has only received about three books of postage stamps! Either there is a "beautiful scarcity" of them, or "Yours Truly" is being neglected. The A. P. A. is a rich field for some dealer having rare U. S. stamps which he is willing to sell at *reasonable* prices.

While in Boston S. Allan Taylor informed me that the Merchant's Line Telegraph stamps described in the August LEDGER were not used to prepay telegrams, but were given to the messengers as a voucher for the delivery of the messages. The boys turned them in at stated intervals and were paid according to the number each held. I give his opinion for what it is worth.

The *Stamp Collector* takes it upon itself to criticize one of the portraits printed in this paper. The picture in question was considered by many as a good one but nothing in the portrait line seems to suit those Illinois fellows. They evidently forget that the worst portrait* which has been thrust upon the philatelic public appeared recently in a Chicago paper, and that it was meant for one of the editors of our critic. Some people can never see the beam in their own eye.

The *Stamp Collector* states that there were forty-five members present at the Boston convention against 22 at Chicago in 1887. These figures represent only the members present at the opening of the two conventions. At Chicago 27 members attended during the session, while at Boston 69 voting members attended, and from six to ten non-voters.

The last number of the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* contains an advertisement of counterfeit money, while on the same page another adv. appears of such a character as should debar it from any respectable paper. Surely philately is advancing in Canada!

S. B. Bradt and the *Stamp* don't seem to agree very well, and the reason thereof has puzzled me greatly. I know Bradt to be a real nice fellow, and I think the Denver boys are also, but why this coldness between them? The annual conventions are the great peace makers, and I'll bet a Brattleboro (photograph) against a Samoa that they will be chasing the elephant together at St. Louis next year.

The September number of the *American Philatelist* was a few days late owing no doubt to the immense amount of setting required by the stenographer's report of the convention. The stenographer, by the way, must have been badly mixed at times, as his report shows that the writer spoke in favor of St. Louis for the next convention, whereas I was red hot for Niagara. The words spoken were the very opposite of those reported. *Alvah Davison.*

*This portrait very likely represents S. B. Bradford emerging from his coal pen.

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New Jersey has another representative among the collector's publications. The *Collectors' Magazine*, of Paterson, N. J., formerly the *American Numismatist*, bids fair to become one of the leading periodicals. Mr. A. Lehmann, Jr., has charge of the philatelic department.

Mr. H. E. Deats is now at the academy at Hightstown, N. J., which will be his address for some time to come.

Mr. A. Lohmeyer writes us that he intends to retire from the stamp business, his spare time being entirely taken up with other matters.

The *Philatelic Gazette* now hails from Chicago, and is published by the Western Philatelic Pub. Co. Messrs. Bradt, Holman and Wolsieffer are the editors. The Sept. number consists of 16 pages; its contents were very interesting, and we trust the editors will make it still more interesting as well as instructive as they progress with its publication.

Our next—the November issue of the LEDGER, will contain a portrait and sketch of Mr. Henry A. Reuss, of Paris, Texas, and several fine illustrated stamp articles, as well as the usual amount of philatelic notes and comments.

Roland Reed, in "The Woman Hater," at Bijou Opera House, New York."—This reminds us of the evening of August 14th, when 17 A. P. A. members attending the recent convention, were present at the performance of "The Woman Hater" at the Boston Museum. Mr. Reed, who had got wind of some stamp cranks being present, let loose a few stamp jokes during the play. You bet they all stamped.

The *National Philatelist* for August was the first philatelic paper out with a report of the recent A. P. A. convention.

Kansas has four members in the A. P. A., two of whom, Messrs. Malin and Sparr are employed in banks in the town in which they reside. Mr. Sparr in his trip east to Boston to attend the A. P. A. convention passed through Montreal and saw Boodler Keenan's fine block of houses now being built. They are said to have impressed him favorably.

Geo. W. Von Utassy, of Germantown, Pa., is at Exeter, N. H., and expects to remain there during the winter, attending to his education.

A number of the officers of the A. P. A. have had a large lithograph plate made containing the portraits of all the officers and those who were officers of the A. P. A. during the past two years, with three exceptions. But 50 have been struck off, and will be sold to members at $1 each.

Our late editor, Mr. Alvah Davison, is one of the Borough Commissioners of Helmetta, N. J., and is secretary of the Board. He and Mr. Nicholson, of Erie, Pa. are the only two A. P. A. members holding public offices, and strange to say they are both republicans.

While a reporter was jotting down notes of the recent convention, he came across the name of Baron von Hodenburg, and remarked that the A. P. A. was not without its titled peers. One of the members present ventured to say that besides the Baron we had two kings. This floored the reporter and he was anxious to know who they were. Henry F. King, of Boston, Mass., and Willis D. King, of Nashua, N. H.

Mr. Wm. W. Adams, of Mapleton, N. Y., has a fine collection of Indian relics which numbers 18,885 specimens, all of which he collected during the last two years.

The *Geologists' Gazette* for September is considerably improved over former issues. Keep on the cover, by all means, brother editors.

The *Collectors' Weekly* is no more. All of its subscribers will receive the *Collectors' Standard* to the end of their subscriptions.

By chance we came across one of D. A. K. Andrus' catalogues of stamps issued some 15 years ago. We notice he has for sale 5c Brattleboro, $10 unused, $15 used; 5c New Haven envelope, red, only $1 unused, but $40 used; 5c New York, black, $1 unused, 75c used; 5c Providence, 40c unused; the 10c, $2 unused; the 5c St. Louis can be bought for $6, used or unused; the 10c for $4, used or unused; and the 20c for $25 used. Hello, Andrus! Where are you? Send us a dozen of each C. O. D.; and you might drop in a dozen Baltimore Buchanan stamps at 50c apiece. P. S.—What will you take for your entire stock?

Lieut. Wainwright, at Fort Custer, Pine Ridge Agency, Dakota, took a hand in quelling the recent Indian outbreak in the West. The Lieutenant, by the way, is a noted stamp collector.

Capt. C. W. Moller of the ill-fated steamship Geiser, which was sunk by the steamship Thingvalla, off the Newfoundland coast, lost his entire collection of stamps, which was on board at the time of the accident. The Captain is a member of the A. P. A. and of the Staten Island Society. He succeeded in inducing Capt. W. Heim, Superintendent of the Thingvalla Pier, who is an ardent stamp collector, to join the A. P. A.

We have secured the services of Maurice Mistletoe, a poetical aspirant hailing from Baltimore, Md. He will contribute to these columns on the philatelic topics of the day. Although we do not claim these contributions to be poems, we feel justified in claiming them to be poetical attempts.

Rock Island, Ill., produces another philatelic publication, the *Black Hawk Philatelist*. It is small but neat, and makes a fair showing for its first number.

Brooklyn is soon to have a representative among philatelic publications William Latour is at the head of the enterprise.

Pittsburgh has a philatelic society with eight members on its roll. It was organized on July 11 last. W. M. Biddle is President, G. C. Lubitz, Secretary, and I. Staufer, Treasurer.

Lieut. J. M. T. Partello is with the 5th Infantry, at Fort Davis, Texas. He expects to be located there for some time.

Mr. Nienstedt, of the American Philatelic Co., of St. Louis, recently purchased the extensive collection of match, card, and medicine revenue stamps, the property of Mr. Lepere, of that city. The collection consists of about 1,000 specimens, and is one of the best in existence.

A RECENT number of the *Postmaster*, published at Washington, D. C., devoted two pages to republishing an article from *l'Union Postale* regarding the benefits to be derived from the introduction of a universal postage stamp. While acknowledging the beneficial results of such an innovation, they think it will never be feasible, owing to the difference in money values between the countries in the Postal Union.

THE National Society recently appointed a committee to draw up a petition to the Government requesting them to reissue the 12c stamp, that being the rate of postage to Australia and various other countries, as well as being the rate on an ordinary registered letter. No doubt it will be of some convenience to have a stamp of the face value of 12c. It was a mistake to stop its issue.

THE Fourth Annual Convention of the A. P. A. will take place at St. Louis, on October 7, 8, and 9, 1889. A. P. A. members should bear this in mind, and lay in a stock of shekels—if not for a railroad ticket, why then for a good pair of walking shoes.

WE desire to warn our readers about sending things of value to J. M. Douglas, Jr., Middletown, Conn. Mail matter addressed to him, especially when the contents are valuable, sometimes never (?) reaches him.

C. P. A. CONVENTION.

The First Annual Convention of the C. P. A. was held at No. 19 Richmond street, Toronto, Ont., on September 19th and 20th, 1888.

Meeting called to order at 11 A. M., Sept. 19th, by President Ketcheson, the following members being present: F. J. Grenny, E. Y. Parker, G. A. Lowe, T. J. McMinn, Geo. Walker, J. C. Niesser, W. Wilby, J. Oneson, W. L. Emory, A. J. Craig, F. E. Book, H. E. French, W. D. B. Spry, J. E. Schultz, Mrs. Mason, J. A. Leighton. President appointed Messrs. Wilby, McMinn and Oneson Committee on Credentials, and Messrs. A. J. Craig, Grenny, Spry and the President Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. Convention declared open to the public. Adjourned until 3 P. M., when the Committee on Credentials reported favorably on 94 proxies, A. J. Craig, of Pictou, N. S., holding 39; W. L. Emory, of Fitchburg, Mass., 23; E. Y. Parker, 12; F. J. Grenny, 7; W. Wilby, 5; G. Walker, 3; the President, 3. Six were rejected. On motion it was decided to hold election at 8.30 P. M. On motion a committee was appointed to prepare a design for a C. P. A. badge, and to submit same to the Executive Committee; also all reports of officers to be read before being referred to committee. The Ex-

change Superintendent read his report, showing that 33⅓ per cent. of the stamps placed on circuit were disposed of. The Secretary read his report—122 members, with 23 applications on hand. The Treasurer was not present, but made his statement through the Secretary; there is a balance on hand of $50 or $60. All referred to respective committees. On motion, Constitution and By-Laws as revised, and list of members, ordered printed. Adjourned.

Meeting called to order at 7.30 P. M. At roll call 1[illegible] present and 93 by proxy. Election of officers resulted as follows: Henry Hechler, of Halifax, N. S., was elected President by 5 majority, Mr. Hechler getting 56 votes and Mr. Parker 51. Vice-President of Ontario, Geo. Walker received 95 votes. Vice-President for Quebec, R. A. B. Hart. Vice-President for New Brunswick, Henry S. Harte. Vice-President for Prince Edward Island, Williston Brown. Vice-President for Manitoba, J. R. Davidson. Vice-President for British Columbia, J. H. Todd. Vice-President for Nova Scotia, A. J. Craig. Secretary, T. J. McMinn, Toronto. Treasurer, H. L. Hart. Exchange Superintendent, F. J. Grenny. Librarian, J. A. Leighton. Counterfeit Detector, H. Morrill. Purchasing Agent, H. F. Ketcheson. Official Organ, *Halifax Philatelist.* Official Editor, Theo. Larsen. Executive Committee, J. R. Hooper, C. C. Morency and F. C. Kaye. Convention, 1889, Halifax; time not fixed yet. On motion, the official organ gets $50 per annum, and the Secretary receives a salary of $25. Adjourned at 11 P. M.

Second day, September 20th: Meeting called to order at 10.30 A. M. Committee on Exchange brought in their report, and recommended that in By-Law No. 9 "may" be struck out and "must" inserted, making it imperative on Superintendent to refuse exchange sheets to members not settling balance promptly. They also make the commission to Superintendent 7½ per cent. instead of 5 per cent.; and sheets must be of the value of $1 each or more. When the meeting went into secret session, the report of Executive Committee was read; the result of the session was that Mr. F. E. Book was expelled for counterfeiting surcharged stamps; and the matter of J. R. Findlay was referred to Executive Committee, and his resignation on that committee was accepted, and Mr. D. A. King appointed to fill the unexpired term. Adjourned till 2.30 P. M. The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws reported, and the Constitution and By-Laws with the amendments of the Exchange Committee and revision of Constitution were read clause by clause and adopted. The convention at 4 P. M. adjourned *sine die.*

F. J. Grenny.

C. P. A. CONVENTION NOTES.

Owing to want of room the exhibition of stamps could not be held. A number of fine collections were brought by a few enterprising collectors, and it is to be regretted that for want of time and room they could not be displayed. Mr. A. J. Craig, of Nova Scotia, had his three albums filled with choice stamps, among them a fine lot of provisional Nova Scotia and New Brunswick on original envelopes, a Nova Scotia one shilling, and other rarities.

The Exchange Superintendent had forty-five sheets (card board) on view (he is too modest to attempt a description). Mrs. Julia Mason had a fine lot of U. S. proofs, and a full set of U. S. periodicals up to $60, some "specimen;" a set of 5c and 10c Canada revenues, and other rarities.

Mr. Morency, of Quebec, sent a book filled with fine and scarce European stamps. Mr. Wilby had a rickety old album filled full of fine and rare stamps. He is about to remount them.

It was a Waterloo for Halifax!

F. J. Grenny.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL NOTES.

The result of the election for officers of the American Archæological Association is as follows:

For President:

A. F. BERLIN	24
W. K. MOOREHEAD	15
Scattering	7
	46

For Vice-President:

D. S. MCARTHUR	[illegible]
JOS. WIGGLESWORTH	10
W. K. MOOREHEAD	8
J. R. NISSLEY	8
A. F. BERLIN	2
	46

For Secretary:

W. K. MOOREHEAD	24
M. V. SAMUELS	17
Scattering	5
	46

For Treasurer:

E. J. SHERIDAN	25
J. R. NISSLEY	5
E. B. CORNWELL	4
JOS. WIGGLESWORTH	4
Scattering	7
	45

For Librarian:

CHAS. A. PERKINS	25
G. U. DUER	11
L. W. STILLWELL	6
Scattering	4
	46

It will be seen by the above that the LEDGER'S ticket is the chosen one; the men elected are well fit for their respective positions, and no doubt will make a success of the Association.

The American Archæological Ass'n is now well under way. The exchange superintendent, official editor, counterfeit detector, and three trustees, are to be appointed by the official board. We hope to see the Association in thorough working order by first of next month.

The membership dues are now payable. They are two dollars per year, payable semi-annually in advance; or, if a member desires, he can pay them annually. Address the treasurer, E. J. SHERIDAN, 22 St. Felix st., Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Association will publish its own official journal, which will be devoted entirely to archæology. Although it may be small at first, it will gradually be enlarged, provided sufficient interest and support is given to it.

In the Art Museum at Boston will be found a collection of Indian relics, some of which are quite rare and fine.

Every Indian relic collector ought to be a subscriber to the LEDGER, and receive all, and the latest news appertaining to his science.

Dr. J. G. Dawson, of Milford, Del., possesses one of the finest archæological collections outside of the Smithsonian Institute. It consists of over 3,000 specimens, and is valued at as many thousand dollars.

EDITOR LEDGER:—Do any of the collectors find gun flints in connection with relics? I have quite a number that I found in the same fields with arrows and other implements, and one taken from the outside of a shell heap on the coast of Maine. Whether they were used by Indians, or later by the whites, it is impossible to tell. *C. A. Perkins.*

W. K. Moorehead, the secretary of the A. A. A., was seriously injured on August 24, by the caving in of a mound at Frankfort, Ohio. He has probably recovered ere now, at least, we hope so. We have also been informed that several days previous to the accident Mr. Moorehead while searching through the mound builders' territory, discovered a gigantic skeleton, clad in a full suit of armor, apparently made of bronze. The armor covered the chest, stomach and legs, while a narrow band encircled the head. Various devices were worked on the armor. There were no shields, and the only weapons found were two small knives.

NUMISMATIC NOTES.

Here is a cents-ation! The Philadelphia mint coined 3,000,000 cents last month.

The "Bar Cent" was struck in Philadelphia in 1776 or 1783, and is not of English origin, as is generally believed.

Russia is the only country that issued coins made of platinum. They were 12, 6, and 3 roubles, and were coined between the years 1828 and 1845.

Russia at one time coined gold kopeks which had an intrinsic value of about 35c. They bore upon the obverse the bust of the emperor and the name of the city where struck, and upon the reverse the arms of Russia—the double headed eagle. The date of issue was during the eighteenth century. These gold kopecks are now scarce, and command a high premium.

Recently a curiosity in the shape of a double-headed $10 and $20 bill has turned up. On one side is a promise to pay $10, and on the other side $20. Mr. C. S. Upton, of New York, is the happy possessor, and has been offered $1,000 for it by a Chicago party. A. M. Craig, of Southington, Conn., also has a double-headed $10-20 bill; and we hear of another in the possession of some one near Seneca Falls, N. Y. The bills were issued by the Government for the Second National Bank, of Springfield, Mass., in 1861.

That the Confederate States coined money as well as issued notes, is no doubt true. A silver half dollar was discovered several years ago by a well known numismatist, who has also discovered its history, and the fact that a mint of the Confederate States was situated at New Orleans during the recent rebellion. This no doubt was the U. S. mint, which, when the war broke out, was turned over to the Confederates. Only half dollars were issued, of which only four were struck.

The November number of the LEDGER will contain the first part of an excellent essay on the copper coinage of this country, including the early colonial coins, from the pen of a well informed numismatist. It will be continued in following numbers of this paper, and will be finely illustrated by cuts of all the various types. It promises to be an exceedingly interesting and instructive article, and one which coin collectors should not fail to read. Subscribe now, if you are not already on our books.

Among the early coins of America are the Nova Constellatios. They are of two sizes.

Obverse: An eye in the centre, surrounded with thirteen rays, and thirteen stars between the points. Legend: "NOVA CONSTELLATIO."

Reverse: A wreath encircles "U. S. 1000" on the large, and "U. S. 500" on the smaller piece. Legend: "LIBERTAS JUSTITIA," and the date, 1783, in the exergue.

One variety of the smaller sized piece has neither legend nor date on the reverse.

Those described above are of silver; the copper Nova Constellatios are similar in design. One variety has wedge shaped blocks, pointing towards the centre, between each of the stars. Another has "Nova Constellatio" spelled with but one "l." Some of the varieties have Roman and others script letters (U. S.) in the centre of the reverse, surrounded by a wreath; but none of the copper pieces have the denominational figures, as on the silver pieces. The copper pieces have various dates, 1783, 1785, and 1786. The latter date is considered the rarest; the others are also scarce.

NEW YORK NOTES.

New York City for the 1890 convention. This is the sentiment of several of the Western A. P. A. members who attended the recent convention.

Steps have been taken towards a great stamp exhibit which is to be held in this city in the near future. The Staten Island, National and Brooklyn societies will unite to make in a grand success. It will probably be at the Eden Musee, and will be open for a considerable time.

New York State leads them all in the A. P. A.—119 members out of 544. Illinois is second with 58 members.

About a dozen new members were admitted to the National Philatelical Society at its recent meeting. This is the oldest philatelical society in this country —it was organized October 17, 1874.

Chauncey S. S. Miller, formerly an A. P. A. member, and also one of the National Society, is a reporter for the N. Y. *Star*. Although not an active collector, he is still interested in philatelic matters.

President Tiffany, of the A. P. A., is an honorary member of the National Philatelical Society, and attended the recent meeting held on September 6th, last.

After three unsuccessful attempts in the philatelic publishing line, our friend Wilbur W. Thomas, starts out with his fourth venture, the *Prohibitionist*, "a weekly journal of Aggressive Political Ideas. Mr. Thomas poses as editor, and fills the four pages with "Prohibition Politics." Strange that one so young and not a voter should handle such dangerous implements.

Mr. R. Wuesthoff has returned from his Western trip greatly refreshed. He attended the recent meeting of the National Society, and exhibited a part of his magnificent collection, which contains many fine rarities.

Stamp collecting has been steadily and rapidly increasing in the metropolis. All the dealers report having more to do than they ever had before. They predict that the fall trade will be twice as large as that of last year.

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